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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent survey by South Asia Enterprises Development Facility supported by International Finance Corporation on trade between Bangladesh and 7 North-eastern States of India, revealed that out of Rs.342 crores worth of trade during a year, only 52 per cent was done legally;

(b) if so, whether the survey also reveals that the rest of the commodities are smuggled through borders; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to strengthen custom check points along Indo-Bangladesh border?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b): The jurisdictional Customs authorities were not approached during such survey.

(c) : 25 Land Customs Stations are adequate preventive set-up are already available between North-Eastern States and Bangladesh.